

WLCI Local Project Development Team Meetings to Solicit Involvement in Habitat Projects

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Cheyenne (May 21, 2009) - The Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative (WLCI) will hold a series of local project development team meetings on May 27 and June 2 to engage the public in development of habitat enhancement projects in Southwest Wyoming.

The meetings will be held in Green River on May 27 at 12:30 p.m. at the Green River City Hall and in Pinedale on June 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the Pinedale Library. All members of the public are invited to participate by discussing ongoing projects as well as discuss priorities for 2010 projects.

The meetings will be held in a work session format, with open discussion about projects proposed for 2010 and identification of project priorities. Additional discussion may occur regarding types of work and geographic areas that the local project development team wants to focus on in the future. New project ideas will be entertained, but will likely be targeted for 2011 funding.

The WLCI is a long-term science-based effort to assess and enhance aquatic and terrestrial habitats at a landscape scale in Southwest Wyoming, while facilitating responsible development. The WLCI completed six conservation projects in 2007 and 29 in 2008. The WLCI anticipates completion of at least 30 projects in 2009.

Formal WLCI members include the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Wyoming Game & Fish Dept., Wyoming Dept. of Agriculture, county commissioners and conservation districts.

For more information on the efforts of the WLCI, visit www.wlci.gov.

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